



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>*/PROJECT TITLE</b>	Modoc Recreation Estates		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Five miles northeast of Alturas, Ca	<b>COUNTY</b>	Modoc
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a fuel reduction project designed to be carried out within 240 acres of variable density, Juniper, grass and sagebrush covered roadsides within a subdivision. The areas identified for treatment will total 180 acres. The project will utilize hand crews to treat ladder and surface fuels within the project area along subdivision roads (100 feet each side from the centerline of the road). The resulting cut material will be chipped. Juniper trees less than 8 inches Diameter Breast Height (DBH) will be harvested by hand and chipped where necessary. No mature over-story juniper trees will be removed. Trees retained will be pruned to 6 to 8 feet in height or one-third of the healthy, live crown, whichever is less. Existing shrub vegetation will be treated at this time along with the juniper and the material will be blown back on site as chips not to exceed 3 inches maximum depth to allow for re-sprout and germination. No burning will occur on this project. All vehicles and equipment must remain on existing roads.


### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4; 15304 (i). Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Public Resources Code, Division 13, Chapter 6, Article 19, Section 15304(I) allows minor alteration of vegetation including fuel management activities to reduce volume of flammable vegetation, provided the activities do not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant/animal species, or cause significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. A current NDDDB search and numerous field visits did not reveal the presence of any listed species of plants or animals likely to be impacted by project. An Archaeological records check and field survey has been performed. No sites were identified and no activity as proposed would result in an impact. This project as proposed will not have a significant impact on the environment.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING

  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 6/22/11

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